AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled).

5. (New) A buffering protective handheld controller comprising: a main unit having a direction button and a plurality of functional buttons on one side thereof, a surface of the direction being covered by a first soft protective pad and surrounded by a first elastic ring covered by the first soft protective pad, a bottom of the first elastic ring being positioned by a plurality of first buffering devices, a plurality of first molded axles at a bottom of the first elastic ring being connected to an elastic pad, and the first elastic ring floating around a top of a first slot;

each of the plurality of functional buttons having a buffering device located on a bottom thereof and a second elastic ring located around an outer periphery thereof, the second elastic ring having a top surface covered by a second soft protective pad and positioned by a plurality of second buffering devices located on bottom thereof, a second molded axle located on bottom of each of the plurality of functional buttons being connected to an elastic washer, and the second elastic ring being limited to float around a top of a second slot;

an empty hole formed on a rigid plastic handle of a base and a top cover of the main unit, a peripheral of the empty hole appearing as a sticking edge, outside the empty hole having a soft pad fitting the handle, the soft pad placed into the hole providing an arch effect so under no pressure, a middle of the soft pad sticking out and does not sink, while under pressure the soft pad has both sides against the sticking edge, thus the middle sinks gradually to provide buffering effect;

when a user presses the buttons, the user can hold the soft pads on the main unit

with a firm grasp by fingers and grasping force is minimized during use; when the user's hand presses the bottoms to the bottom, touch action is on the soft protective elastic rings around the buttons; such that not only a greater touch area but also pressure reduction by the buffering device and cushion action on the axles and washers are provided.

6. (New) The buffering protective controller according to claim 1, wherein the buffering device located at the bottom of each of the plurality of functional buttons is an elastic silicone bushing with a hole at a predetermined height on a top thereof, one of the plurality of functional buttons is inserted into each hole.

7. (New) The buffering protective controller according to claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of functional buttons is connected to the elastic silicone bushing by a hollow elastic silicone pin.

8. (New) The buffering protective controller according to claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of first buffering devices and the plurality of second buffering devices is selected from a group consisting of a soft rubber and a spring.